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Dear FutureGen Site Selection Team:

I have long believed that Clean Coal Technology development is the key to reducing America's increasing reliance on imported energy resources. As a member of the Senate Energy Committee, I have spearheaded the efforts to implement Clean Coal Technology policy. If the United States continues to increase its use of natural gas and petroleum for electricity generation, the nation will be exposed to significant price and supply risks. To prevent this addiction to foreign fuels, America must also use its abundant coal resources that can fuel the nation's future for many years to come. The American people demand reliable energy resources at reasonable cost and with the smallest environmental impact. I believe that FutureGen is one of many new technologies that will help create an abundant, clean energy future.

Kentucky has long been a national leader in coal production and in Clean Coal Technology development. I have been in contact with Governor Ernie Fletcher concerning the proposal for the siting of the FutureGen project in Kentucky. I support this Kentucky proposal and believe it will allow the FutureGen project to move forward expeditiously with the full backing of the people, government and industry of Kentucky.

Kentucky continues to strive to ensure the coal-based economy that America needs and the environmental protection that its people demand. I hope that Kentucky, the FutureGen Alliance, and the U.S. Department of Energy will forge a long-term partnership to make this energy future a reality.

Best personal regards,



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